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Dislodgement Resistance

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STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The interview on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 between the Applicant's representative and Examiners Pous and Thaler is appreciated. The Applicant's representative believes that a meeting about the following topics has advanced the prosecution of this application.

The Applicant's representative discussed the '000 application, in particular independent claims 1 and 20. The present invention relates generally to an occlusion device for the closure of physical anomalies, such as a patent foramen ovale. Both claims 1 and 20 contain an anchor member that "comprises a generally cylindrical member split along the central portion of its length to form an elongate oval." One benefit of this configuration is the increased the size and surface area of the anchor member, which results in the anchor providing pressure to a larger area of septal tissue. This provides for improved closure of the patent foramen ovale.

The Applicant's representative believes that was beneficial to discuss relevant teachings of U.S. Pat. No. 5,853,422 issued to Huebsch et al. (the "Huebsch" patent). The Applicant understands that the Examiner considers the Huebsch patent to disclose, in Fig. 3, "anchor members comprising a generally cylindrical member that is split along the central portion of its

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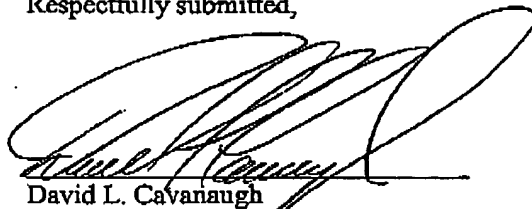
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length to form an elongate oval." Figures 2-4 show a generally cylindrical member that is compressed longitudinally.

Finally, the Applicant's representative believes that a full discussion of the distinctions between the present claims of the '000 application and the Huebsch patent has advanced the prosecution of the present application. The Applicant's representative will file a response to the Office Action in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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